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OF IRAQ ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the statements by Mr. Safa Giray, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, published by the Turkish newspaper *Cumhuriyet* on Wednesday, 7 August 1991, in which he confirmed that an armed Turkish convoy with air support had penetrated Iraqi territory to a depth of 16 kilometres on the pretext that it was in pursuit of "separatist terrorists". The Minister also referred to the possibility that such military operations would be repeated.

The Government of my country strongly protests against violations by the Turkish army of the territory and national sovereignty of the Republic of Iraq and considers this conduct, and the intention to repeat it, to be a violation of the Charter of the United Nations and of international law and a serious abuse of the relations of good-neighbourliness, friendship and cooperation between the Iraqi and Turkish peoples.

Iraq reaffirms its desire to strengthen relations of good-neighbourliness built on cooperation and mutual respect and calls on the Turkish Government not to repeat such violations, which do not serve the interests of the Iraqi and Turkish peoples.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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